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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

POTTER ET AL.

Examiner

Kevin C. Sirmons

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6,7,9-12,15-18,20 and 23-25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 and 8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,13,14,21,22,26 and 28-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 13, 14, 21, 22, 26 and 28-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dickinson et al U.S. Pat. No. 2,699,166.

Dickinson discloses a capsule comprising: a first member (37) and a second member (20) wherein said first and second member are coupled together to provide a closed pocket within the members for containing the dose (fig. 5), and one (37) of said first and second members is configured to slide relative to the other member when an external portion of said capsule is contacted with an pressurized fluid flow (fig. 5), said first and second members being constructed and arranged such that said relative movement a passage (fig. 5) is formed through said capsule and said pocket is opened to expose the dose of particles for entrainment in fluid flowing through said passage; as to claim 14, (see above rejection and an actuator mechanism col. 1), as to claims 13, 21, (fig. 5); as to claim 22, 26 and 28-34, (see above rejections and entire specifications).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 19 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dickinson jr. et al in view of Bellhouse U.S. Pat. No. 6,010478.

Dickinson discloses a capsule substantially as claimed except for wherein the fluid is a gas. Bellhouse discloses a gas. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Dickinson with the device of Bellhouse to inject fluid into a patient.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-5 and 8 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin C. Sirmons whose telephone number is 571-272-4965. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:00 ALT FRI.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Kevin C. Sirmons
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin C. Sirmons", written in a cursive style.